



8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal No. 11CR3712-BEN
11 Plaintiff,)
12 v.) FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF
13 MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ,) THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE UPON A
14 Defendant.) PLEA OF GUILTY
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16 Upon Defendant's request to enter a plea of Guilty to
17 Count ONE of the INFORMATION pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal
18 Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter was referred to the
19 Magistrate Judge by the District Judge, with the written consents
20 of the Defendant, counsel for the Defendant, and counsel for the
21 United States.

22 Thereafter, the matter came on for a hearing on Defendant's
23 plea of guilty, in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of
24 Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge, in open court
25 and on the record.

26 In consideration of that hearing and the allocution made by
27 the Defendant under oath on the record and in the presence of
28 counsel, and the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney,

1 **I make the following FINDINGS - that the Defendant**
2 **understands:**

- 3 1. the right to persist in a plea of "not guilty";
- 4 2. the right to a speedy and public trial;
- 5 3. the right to be tried by a jury, or the ability to
6 waive that right and have a judge try the case without
7 a jury;
- 8 4. the right to the assistance of counsel at trial;
- 9 5. that, at trial, there would be the right to confront
10 and cross-examine the witnesses against the Defendant;
- 11 6. that, at trial, there is the right to present a
12 defense, and the right to have witnesses subpoenaed to
13 testify on the Defendant's behalf;
- 14 7. that, at trial, the Defendant would have the right
15 against compelled self-incrimination;
- 16 8. the nature of the charge filed in this case;
- 17 9. the maximum possible sentence that could be imposed
18 (including imprisonment, fine, term of supervised
19 release, and mandatory special assessment), the effect
20 of a supervised release term, and that the sentencing
21 guidelines are only advisory so that the Court may
22 sentence Defendant up to the statutory maximum;
- 23 10. the terms of the plea agreement;

24 **I further find that:**

- 25 11. that Defendant's plea of guilty is made knowingly and
26 voluntarily;
- 27 12. the Defendant is competent to enter a plea; and
- 28 13. there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea.

1 **I therefore RECOMMEND that the District Judge accept the**
2 **Defendant's plea of guilty.**

3 The sentencing hearing will be before United States District
4 **Judge ROGER T. BENITEZ, on JANUARY 9, 2012, at 9:00 A.M..**

5 Objections to these Findings and Recommendations are waived
6 by the parties if not made within 14 days of the hearing.

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8 Dated: 9/22/11

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Honorable WILLIAM McCURINE, JR.
United States Magistrate Judge

11 Copies to:

12 Hon. ROGER T. BENITEZ
13 U.S. District Judge

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